

Paradise Town Council
May 16, 2018
7:30 p.m.

Public Hearing- Budget 7:30 p.m.

Council Members Present- Mayor Atwood, Vic Little, Martell Lowe, Shannon Rasmussen

Community Members Present- Larry Johnson

Mayor Atwood presented a proposed budget for fiscal year 2019. There was discussion on the Fire Department budget and the different amounts that come from the County and from the Town to fund the Fire Department. There was discussion on the different categories/accounts that money comes from for different projects. There was a discussion on the E911 fee and the County potentially raising garbage rates in the near future.

Larry brought up the rise in general property taxes. Mayor Atwood brought up the current tax rate and the process of certifying the tax rate. The Council went over a history of tax rates over the past multiple years and the effect on the Town. Vic would like to leave the tax rate as is, and isn't sure if it is the right time to reduce any taxes. Mayor Atwood would like to adjust it so that we only received the same amount in property taxes as we did the previous year. Shannon feels like it would be easier to leave the tax rate as is. Martell was concerned about the older people in Town that live on a fixed income. There was a discussion on a new truck and some other equipment the Town may need. Larry asked about the amount spent on a truck versus the amount spent plowing the road and what difference a new truck would make as far as money spent plowing roads during the winter. There are two new roads expected to be built in Town this summer and a significant amount of budgeted money will go towards those roads.

Vic made a motion to close the public hearing. Shannon seconded that motion, all in favor. Public Hearing closes at 8:11 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting opens at 8:11 p.m. -

Council Members Present- Mayor Atwood, Vic Little, Martell Lowe, Shannon Rasmussen

Community Members Present- Larry Johnson, Fire Chief Troy Fredrickson, Blake Pulsipher

Minutes- The Minutes of May 2, and April 18, 2018 were emailed to the Council members previous to the meeting. Vic made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 2, 2018; Shannon seconded that motion, all in favor. Martell made a motion to accept the minutes of April 18, 2018; Vic seconded that motion, all in favor.

Bills- Martell read the bills. There was some discussion on maintaining the ball diamonds. Shannon made a motion to approve the bills as read; Martell seconded that motion, all in favor.

Public Comment- Larry Johnson asked about the different park projects and how those projects were being funded.

Department Expenditures- None at this time. There was a lengthy discussion on all the necessary things to finish up the bathrooms at the park and the budget for the rest of the park projects.

FY 2018-19 Budget/FY 2017-18 Amendments/Certify Current Tax Rate-

The Council discussed the budget during the public hearing and the Council members felt the tentative budget was good. Mayor Atwood will change anything that needs to be changed and the Council will approve the final budget at the next meeting.

Council Reports

- **Roads- Martell Lowe-** Martell wanted the specifics on what road work was happening soon on 9300 S. He has talked to Travis with Morgan Paving and they should be filling the potholes within the next week or two. Martell is concerned about some visibility issues at intersections around Town. Martell is also concerned about excessive grass clippings being blown out into the roadways.
- **Water- Vic Little-** Nothing at this time. Mayor Atwood reported that the spring is running well and we are not pumping at this time.
- **Community-Shannon Rasmussen-** The Youth Council will be clearing the area by the Town sign this Tuesday, May 22 at 5:00 p.m.
- **Fire/Grants/Budget-** Chief Fredrickson wanted to make sure the park and the pavilion were reserved for their Memorial Day breakfast.

Unfinished Business-

Lex Smith- Trailer- 8900 S. - Lex would like to pull his trailer onto his lot and stay in the trailer until the house is finished in a few months. The Council feels ok with the option if Lex will dump into his own septic tank on the property or pull out and use a dump at a gas station, and if he will fill the tanks on his trailer with water each time they run out, and not just run a hard line to the trailer. The Council also feels ok with him staying in the trailer until August 31, 2018. If the home is still not done, then he can come re-evaluate with the Council.

Personal Property Clean-up- The Council sent a letter to a property owner following-up with a request sent the fall/winter of 2017. The property owner sent back a letter specifying 6 steps that they will take starting within the next two weeks. The Council would like to respond with a letter specifying dates that the steps need to be completed, and requesting the non-compliant buildings/tents be brought into compliance.

New Business-

Multiple Families in one Dwelling

There have been complaints about dogs and horses on a property on Bridger Blvd. There are multiple families living in the home. There was discussion on the Ordinances and what counts as a “family” and how many people can live in a home. The Council decided to write a letter with the Ordinance explaining how many people can stay in a home.

Mower

Martell has been working on the mower and is still trying to get it hooked up to his tractor. Mayor Atwood wondered about renting a larger tractor to hook up to the mower.

Adjourn- Vic made a motion to adjourn, Shannon seconded that motion, all in favor. Meeting adjourns at 10:05 p.m.

Alyssa Petersen, Clerk

Lee Atwood, Mayor